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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 4670

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS PINT PGOV

SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN DEVELOPMENTS: NEW ARRESTS

REF: ADDIS 4612

1. EMBASSY HAS REPORTS FROM GOOD SOURCES THAT MIDDLE-LEVEL POLICE OFFICERS BEGAN NEW WAVE OF ARRESTS TODAY. CLOSEST ASSOCIATES/ STAFF OF POLICE GENERAL YILMA SHIBESHI, FORMER HEAD OF ALL ETHIOPIAN POLICE WHOSE TRANSFER TO POST OF BALE PROVINCE ENDERASSIE ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING, APPEAR TO BE CHIEF TARGETS. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER YILMA HIMSELF STILL FREE. ARRESTING POLICE APPEAR TO HAVE COOPERATION OF FOURTH DIVISION AND IMPERIAL BODYGUARD.

2. WE ALSO HAVE REPORTS, WHICH WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM, THAT SOME EX-MINISTERS NOW UNDER HOUSE ARREST HAVE BEEN INTERROGATED AT FOURTH DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, AND OTHER RANKING FORMER OFFICIALS SUCH AS EX-MAYOR OF ADDIS ABABA MAY SHORTLY BE
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DETAINED.

3. FOURTH DIVISION AND IBG TROOPERS BEING SEEN MOVING ABOUT ADDIS AND ON DEBRE ZEIT ROAD. BUT CITY, THOUGH NERVOUS, LOOKS OTHERWISE NORMAL.

4. WE HEAR AUTHORITIES CONSIDERING CURFEW TONIGHT BUT NO DECISION YET MADE.

5. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THESE DEVELOPMENTS REFLECTION RENEWED PRESSURE, FROM WITHIN MILITARY AND POLICE, ON IEG TO GET ON WITH ADJUDICATION OF CHARGES AGAINST ALLEGEDLY CORRUPT ELEMENTS OF AKLILU ADMINISTRATION.

6. COMMENT: WE SEE THIS DEVELOPMENT AS WARNING TO ENDALKACHEW AND PALACE THAT TIME FOR ACTION IN DIRECTION DESIRED PURGE GROWING SHORT.
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